Allotment of land to hospitals and charitable institutions

745 SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for allotment of Government land to hospitals and other charitable institutions;

(b) whether it is a fact that many hospitals are violating the conditions of land allotment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the High Court of Delhi recently directed Government to draft a policy for allotting land on lease basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government have taken on High Court's directions?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Allotment of land for hospitals is made by Land and Development Office (L&DO) to registered societies/trusts at pre-determined rates subject to fulfilment of eligibility conditions and availability of land. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) also used to allot land for hospitals to registered societies at pre-determined rates subject to fulfilment of eligibility conditions and availability of land.

However, subsequent to July, 2002 DDA has been disposing institutional land for hospitals by way of public auction.

(b) It has been reported that some of the hospitals to whom land was provided by L&DO and DDA with the condition of providing free beds for economicaly poor section have not adhered to the said conditions.

(c) and (d) In W.P. No. 2866/2002—Social Jurist (a Lawyers Group) versus Govt. of NCT of Delhi & others, the Hon'ble High Court had directed the land owning agencies to ensure that the covenants of the lease are observed by different hospitals. Action has been initiated by the L&DO, Delhi Development Authority and health Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi by way of inspection and monitoring through fortnightly reports.

Relaxation of private hospitals

746. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has decided to take money from the private hospitals to bail them out from giving free treatment to 40 per cent OPD patients and to provide 25 per cent beds to poor patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and